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Quincy Jones and director Harriet Marin Jones delight in bringing 'King of Kings: Chasing Edward Jones' to cinemas this weekend, including the Cinemark 15 Theatres at the Baldwin Hills Crenshaw Plaza.

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Deadwyler (who also made a splash in the **Malcolm Washington**-directed, adaptation of **August Wilson's** "The Piano Lesson"); the People's Choice Award winner "Life With Chuck" with **Tom Hiddleston**; "Daniella, Forever;" **Ron Howard's** "Eden;" "Emilia Pérez;" "The End;" "The Order;" "The Cut;" "William Tell;" and "Road Diary: **Bruce Springsteen & The E Street Band**," which will debut Oct. 25 on Hulu and Disney+.

He also notes that the continent of Africa was well represented with "Freedom Way" and "The Legend of The Vagabond Queen of Lagos," to name but two.

Continue to check this space for more information about next year's festival (Sept. 4-14), as they celebrate 50 years of presenting the world's finest films.

RED CARPET WALK: Warner Bros.' "Joker: Folie À Deux," starring **Joaquin Phoenix**, **Zazie Beetz**, and **Lady Gaga**, has its Hollywood premiere Sept. 30 at TCL Chinese Theatre around

Center presents author **Charles Blow** ...

Gwen Stefani gives a free performance (with tickets from 1iota.com) for **Jimmy Kimmel Live!** on Sept. 30 as **A Boogie Wit Da Hoodie's** Better Off Alone Tour comes to YouTube Theater, and **Deon Cole** continues his Monday residency at The Improv ...

Serena Williams and Oscar-winning costumer **Ruth Carter** are uniting to produce "The Dress," a biopic on pioneering fashion designer **Ann Lowe** who made the dress **Jackie Bouvier** wore at her wedding to **John F. Kennedy** ...

Tems is at The Greek on Oct. 1, while movie composer **Hans Zimmer** is live at Crypto.com Arena ...

An all-star line-up of guitarists including **Taj Mahal**, **Kenny Wayne Shepherd**, **Christone "Kingfish" Ingram**, and **Eric Johnson** have been confirmed for "Experience Hendrix 2024" drawing from the songbook of **Jimi Hendrix**. In addition, special guests are expected to

Oct. 3.

TASTY QUIP: "I can't tell you how many times I've walked into something, and I've had an audition, and they were like 'She was great, but we just don't realistically believe her as this character because she's a pretty girl.' And I'm like, how can you determine what that character should look like or even what I will look like when I [take the role.]" — **MEAGAN GOOD**

TC ON TV: Sept. 27 — "She Taught Love" (Hulu): **Arsema Thomas** ("Queen Charlotte: A Bridgerton Story"), **Darrell Britt-Gibson** ("Judas and the Black Messiah"), **Kevin Carroll** ("Snowfall"), **Edwin Lee Gibson** ("The Bear"), **Angela Elayne Gibbs** ("Black Jesus"), **Alexander Hodge** ("Insecure"), and **Taissa Farmiga** ("The Gilded Age") are featured in this refreshingly tender love story from Andscape. "Wolfs" (Apple TV+): "Oceans 11" stars **George Clooney** and **Brad Pitt** reteam as fixers for

year, this groundbreaking social experiment features a diverse group of LA teens who open up their lives and phones to offer an intimate glimpse into how social media has reshaped childhood.

Sept. 28 — "Global Citizen Festival" (YouTube/Facebook/ABC News Live/Amazon Music/Apple Music): **Doja Cat**, **Post Malone**, **Lisa**, **Jelly Roll**, **Rauw Alejandro**, and more. "Saturday Night Live" (NBC): The landmark 50th season is here with **Jean Smart** and musical guest **Jelly Roll**.

Sept. 29 — "The Walking Dead: Daryl Dixon" (AMC): The second season subtitled "The Book of Carol" brings back the fan favorite zombie killer played by **Melissa McBride**. "TV On The Edge" (CNN): "Oprah's Wagon of Fat"

Sept. 30 — "Patrice: The Movie" (Hulu): An interracial disabled couple in their 50s want to marry but risk losing their benefits if they do in this documentary. "All American: Homecoming" (CW): Legendary filmmaker **Michael Schultz** ("Car Wash," "Cooley High") directed this third season finale of the HBCU-set drama. "Gangland Chronicles" (History): "The Rollin' 60s Neighborhood Crips" "Independent Lens" (PBS): "One Person, One Vote?" explores the Electoral College through diverse perspectives during the 2020 election, delving into its complex history rooted in slavery. "Late Night" (NBC): **Alicia Keys**

Oct. 2 — "The View" (ABC): **Raven-Symoné** returns. "Tamron Hall" (Syn): **Stephanie Mills** "Big Freedia Means Business" (Fuse): The second season focuses on the twerker's ventures in a hotel, a record label, eyewear, purses, and a cannabis line. "Celebrity Crime Files" (TV1): "Meg The Stallion"

Oct. 3 — "House of Spoils" (Prime): Oscar winner **Ariana DeBose** stars as a chef who opens her first restaurant where she battles kitchen chaos, a dubious investor, self-doubt, and the spirit of the estate's previous owner who threatens to sabotage her. "Salem's Lot" (MAX): Yet another adaptation of **Stephen King's** vampire novel with **Louis Pullman** and **Alfre Woodard**. "Zatima" (BET/BET+): A second season of the relationship drama from **Tyler Perry**. "Trivial Pursuit" (CW): The beloved game is reimaged in a question-packed entertainment format for television hosted by **LeVar Burton** ("Reading Rainbow," "Roots"). "Found" (NBC): **Shanola Hampton** returns as the missing persons investigator

HollyRod Foundation to

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LOS ANGELES — Holly Robinson Peete is still as fired up and determined today about the work she and her husband Rodney Peete are doing with their nonprofit, HollyRod Foundation, as she was when they launched the organization in 1997.

She will tell you it's because she believes the organization is making a difference.

Inspired by her father and son, the HollyRod Foundation was formed by Peete, a popular actress, and her husband, former NFL quarterback Rodney Peete, in honor of Holly's father, Matthew T. Robinson Jr., who was diagnosed with Parkinson's Disease at 45. An actor, writer and television producer, Robinson, who died in 2002, was the first actor to portray the character of Gordon on Sesame Street.

The founding principle of the HollyRod Foundation is Parkinson's disease. Its original efforts were advocacy and compassionate care for families caring for a loved one living with Parkinson's disease.

Two years before Robinson's passing, Holly Robinson Peete and Rodney Peete's son, RJ, was diagnosed with autism at the age of 3. RJ's twin sister, Ryan, is not autistic.

The Peetes refer to it as the "never" day. It was the day that their doctor gave them a list of all of the things that RJ would never be able to do. After RJ's diagnosis, the foundation's mission was expanded to include autism.

This year the Peetes will once again host DesignCare, a fundraiser set for Sept. 28 at a private location. The event is expected to attract 600 guests and raise \$1.5 million.

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Actress Holly Robinson Peete is cohosting the 2024 DesignCare Gala with her husband, former NFL quarterback Rodney Peete, Sept. 28. The gala raises funds for the HollyRod Foundation, which raises funds to fight Parkinson's Disease and autism.

Courtesy photo

This year's honorees include Viola Davis, Michele Kong, Julian Maha, Morgan Harper Nichols, Suzanne Camille Proctor, Dr. Chantale Branson, Eric Aquino, Jason McElwain and Nadine Wright-Arbubakrr.

Davis will receive the Jacqueline Avant Humanitarian Award for her exceptional accomplishments as an actress, advocate and philanthropist. The award was established in 2023 with the approval of the Avant family.

Holly Robinson Peete recently agreed to answer some questions regarding the HollyRod Foundation and its upcoming DesignCare Gala 2024.

DD: Describe the DesignCare Gala.

HRP: The HollyRod DesignCare Gala is a heartfelt celebration that combines fashion, philanthropy and music to support families affected by autism and Parkinson's. It's a night of hope, creativity and generosity,

where we raise crucial funds for the HollyRod Foundation.

DD: One of the goals of DesignCare Gala is to raise funds. What does the money go toward specifically?

HRP: Funds support community outreach and programs that support autism communities. Families caring for a loved one on the spectrum often have to sacrifice the income of one family member. We provide wrap-around services for families, vocational training and job placement, health fairs and workshops, and our social efforts to serve the autism community.

DD: What kind of progress has been gained since you started your foundation?

HRP: Since starting the HollyRod Foundation, we've seen significant progress in both awareness and support for families affected by autism and Parkinson's. When we first began conversations around these con-

Black actor plays key role in

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The first time Michael Summel saw a production of the classic opera "Madame Butter-

James Conlon, and stars Karah Son as Cio-Cio-San, tenor Jonathan Tetelman as Pinkerton, Hyo-na Kim as Suzuki and Sumuel as Sharpless, who is returning to the company after his 2022 performances in Beethoven's "St. Matthew